St. Paul's United Church

May 30th – Trinity Sunday

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Greeting:

In the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us to seek justice and resist evil, to love and serve others, let us worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

We have been called the salt of the earth.

Let us remain distinctive and salty.

We have been called the light of the world.

Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.

We have been called a city set on a hill.

Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, lift our voices in the worship of God.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place today, ready to see your power working through us. Help us to be open to your Word, and to answer your call among us. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

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Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.

No hands but yours to heal the wounded world, no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering, no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.

Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see, to find the lost, to gaze with compassion; no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.

Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.

Christ-has-no-body-now-but-yours No feet but yours to journey with the poor, to walk this world with mercy and justice.

Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.

Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.

Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need; as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing, with ev'ry gift a benediction be to the people of God.

Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.

Prayer of Illumination

O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love. Amen.

Today's Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Message: Discipleship in Challenging Times Preaching Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin

Anthem

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present our offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

God, whose glory the heavens are telling, We praise you for your continuing presence

in a world where wealth has so much say,

and the wicked prosper,

and relationships go sour,

and hearts and dreams are broken.

In laughter and tears alike we praise you.

We pray for the peace of the world, O God,

and for the peace that only you can give—

not only the absence of conflict and battle,

but also the fullness of life that is prosperity for all,

goodwill among neighbours,

and welcome for every outsider.

Hear us now as we name the situations and nations

for which we seek your Shalom:

our own country, Canada . . .

families buffeted by the storm of economic despair . . .

war-torn countries . . .

our families, our friends, ourselves

We gather these and all our prayers,

those spoken aloud and those too deep for words,

in Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace;

where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled,

as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

attributed to St. Francis 12th Century

Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are his new creation by water and the Word; from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name professing and at one table fed, to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?' But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war, we wait the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One, and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning:

Go gladly into the world. Be filled with the love of God.

Dance to the song of the Spirit. Befriend the Christ in each new day.

Benediction (Unison):

May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with us all.

Postlude

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One day at a time sweet Jesus That's all I'm asking from you. Just give me the strength To do everyday what I have to do. Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus And tomorrow may never be mine. Lord help me today, show me the way One day at a time.

One Day at a Time Lynda Randle

